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Coronavirus: what about your drugs? Don't panic!

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You can see many articles discussing the best ways to prepare in case of a coronavirus epidemic. A recent [article published in the Journal de Montreal](#) proposes to make a 2-3 month reserve of your medication to avoid any shortage. This is not something that we encourage people to do!

It's a fact that many active ingredients used to manufacture drugs are made in China. We follow the situation closely but for now, there is nothing to worry about.

Three important things to know:

1. Stocking an important quantity of drugs can create problems for other patients! Your pharmacist needs to manage drugs effectively in order to make sure everyone who needs them have access to what they need.
2. Almost all pharmacies have a delivery service. If you need to stay at home, you could get your prescriptions delivered easily.
3. Your pharmacy team knows what their pharmacy needs to fulfill all their patients' needs. They manage their stocks on a daily basis. They are responsible to make sure everyone will get the medication they need. That's why they can sometimes limit the quantity they dispense to make sure everything is fine for everyone.

We should not let fear lead our actions and create confusion. You can trust your pharmacist to manage drugs effectively.